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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF LA REINA RESEARCH REACTOR IN CHILE

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1. SUMMARY: LA REINA RESEARCH REACTOR IN SANTIRAGO WAS INAUGURATED BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET. AEC SCIREP, REPRESENTING AEC CHAIRMAN, AND SEVERAL OTHER "INVITED GUESTS" WERE GIVEN VIP TREATMENT BY CHILEAN CEN, WHICH NEEDS AND WISHES AUGMENTED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ADVANCE IT NUCLEAR PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REQUESTED, AEC SCIREP REPRESENTED AEC CHAIRMAN AT INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR SUBJECT 5MW REACTOR ON NOV 8. CHILEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (CCEN) PRES RAUL CONTRERAS FISCHER HAD ARRANGED FOR SERIES OF EVENTS ON THIS OCCASSION, AND SCIREP ALONG WITH OTHER "INVITED GUESTS" RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT THROUGHOUT. OTHERS WHO ATTENDED SOME OR ALL OF EVENTS WERE RICARDO

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FERNANDEZ CELLINE, DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR AFFAIRS, SPANISH JEN;

WALDEMAR LLAMOSAS, GEN MGR PERUVIAN JCEA; ROGELIO GOSO, CHIEF OF INSTALLATION ENGR OF ARGENTINE CNEA (CURRENTLY IN CHILE UNDER UNDP/IAEA PROGRAM); JOREGE SERVIAN OF RESEARCH & LABORATORIES DIV OF IAEA; ERNIE JENKINS, CHIEF ENGR OF FAIREY ENGR LTD; AND RAIMOND LORRAINE, EX-FAIREY ENGR WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF LA REINA PROJECT.

3. SCIREP MET WITH FISCHER AND HIS STAFF SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS (SEPTTEL, NOTAL).

4. OFFICIAL EVENTS BEGAN WITH WELCOMING AT FONMIN BY INTERIOR MIN GEN BONILLA, WHO WAS ACTING FONMIN. NEXT CAME SPECIAL MEETING OF CCEN ATTENDED BY VISITORS. CONTRERAS MADE SPEECH CITING IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO CHILE AND IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, PAST AND FUTURE. CELLINI MADE STATEMENT INDICATING WILLINGNESS JEN TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY IT COULD. WILCOX POINTED TO SOME POINTS OF AEC PAST COOPERATION WITH CHILE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THIS COULD INCREASE IN FUTURE. BRIEF STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT ALSO MADE BY ARGENTINE AND FAIREY REPS (PERUVIAN AND IAEA REPS HAD YET TO ARRIVE).

5. MAJOR EVENT WAS INAUGURATION ITSELF, WHICH ACCOMPLISHED BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET IN PRESENCE OF LARGE GROUP WHICH INCLUDED CCEN STAFF, OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS (DCM THOMPSON, POL COUNS STOUT, AND SCIOFF FRANCISH ATTENDED AS WELL AS SCIRPE). CONTRERAS MADE PRINCIPAL SPEECH AND STATED CHILES INTENTIONS TO MOVE AHEAD IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE ALSO SPOKE SPECIFICALLY OF HELP CHILE HAD RECIEVED FROM UK, SPAIN, FRANCE, W. GERMANY, ARGENTINA AND US. (HE MENTIONED PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR FUEL AND PAST TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN OUR CASE). FOLLOWING SPEECH AND PRESENTATION CERTIFICATES TO PRINCIPAL CCEN AND REACTOR STAFF, PINOCHET VISITED CONTROL ROOM, CUT RIBBON, AND WAS SHOWN THR BY CENTER DIRECTOR HINZNER. RECEPTION FOLLOWED.

6. CONTREREAS HOSTED DINNER THAT EVENING FOR VISITORS AND GOC OFFICIALS. SCIREP COULD NOT REMAIN, BUT OTHERS STAYED FOR SATURDAY BARBECUE AT LA AGUIRRE CENTER (EX-ARMY, RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO CCEN) WHICH UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND SUNDAY EXCURSION TO VINA DEL MAR.

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7. COMMENT: CONTRERAS AND GOC ROLLED OUT RED CARPET THROUGHOUT. HE REALLY APPRECIATED HAVING USAEC REPRESENTATION, AND SCIREP THINKS HIS PRESENCE MAY HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE IN INDICATING US INTEREST IN PRESENT AND FUTURE CHILEAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM. AS DISCUSSED SEPTTEL, CONTINING EFFORTS WILL BE DESIRABLE. MONTLLOR

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